

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 203

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Diane C. Hopkins of Sneedville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Diane C. Hopkins; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopkins was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hopkins was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 13, 1953, to Donald and Loraine Cope; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from high school in 1970 and, in 1971, she began working for Magnavox; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, Mrs. Hopkins had served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Hancock County; and

WHEREAS, from 1975-80, Diane Hopkins served as an employee of the Hancock County Clerk's office and, from 1980-82, she was as an employee of the Hancock County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 until her passing, she served estimably as an employee of the Hancock County Mayor's office; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman was an active and devout member of War Creek Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopkins was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Sandy Stines; and her dad, Robert Hibbard; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hopkins is survived by her husband of forty-two years, Ronald “Ronnie” Hopkins; her son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Michelle Hopkins; her grandchildren, Bailey and Ethan Hopkins; Karlie Bowlin, whom Mrs. Hopkins thought of as a grandchild; and her mother, Vergie Hibbard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopkins is survived by her brothers and their spouses, Carl and Tammy Hibbard, Don and Beverly Hibbard, Sonny and Betty Hibbard, and Ronnie and Libby Hibbard; her sisters and their spouses, Versie and Toby Frye, Vada and Eddie Stines, Lea and Lester Addis, and Tammy and Jacob Warren; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by her brothers-in-law, Ernie Hopkins and his wife, Lois, and Dwane Hopkins and his wife, Marketa; her sisters-in-law, Treva Wilder and her husband, Jackie, Missy Thureau and her husband, Guy, and Vivian Atkins and her husband, Ray; several nieces and nephews; and her lifelong friends, Judy Brasher, Janet Seal, Sherry Seal, Lois Greene, Janette Gibson, and Joyce Harvey; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopkins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Diane C. Hopkins, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Hopkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.